

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1157

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Michael Lamb, 2004
Rhodes Scholar-Elect.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Michael Lamb is one such exceptional student who was recently named as a 2004 Rhodes Scholar-Elect; and

WHEREAS, the Rhodes Scholarship is the oldest and most prestigious international study award, being given on the basis of academic achievement, integrity of character, a spirit of unselfishness, respect for others, potential for leadership, and physical vigor; and

WHEREAS, in October 2004, Michael will join other scholars at Oxford University for two or three years of study, planning to read Philosophy and Theology at that renowned university; and

WHEREAS, excelling in his studies in political science at Rhodes College, Michael has made a lasting impression on his professors, as well as his peers, having taken every advantage of the opportunities Rhodes has afforded him, according to Rhodes President William E. Trout; and

WHEREAS, held in high esteem by his professors, Michael has critically analyzed assigned material and actively contributed to class dialogue in a respectful manner that has served as an inspiration to professors and students alike; and

WHEREAS, regarded with a "rare combination of affection and awe" by other students, Michael has compassionately led and served his classmates and has been selected for membership in Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, accomplishing much more than noteworthy academic achievements, Michael Lamb has been a servant-leader in the community, actively participating in Habitat for Humanity, the Souper Contact, and Tex-Mex Border Ministry, lending his talents to the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, Michael has positively influenced Rhodes College through his involvement as a student member of the school's Board of Trustees, as the President of the Honor Council, as a Rhodes Service Scholar, and as a member of a Rhodes task force; and

WHEREAS, while serving as research assistant for Senator Roy Herron on a book and as a political aide on Senate work, Michael epitomized the skills, perceptivity, and strong work ethic and intellect necessary for great success and made himself invaluable to Senator Herron; and

WHEREAS, Michael's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Ken and Angela Lamb, his brothers, his grandparents, his academic community, and his hometown of Chapel Hill, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, through his display of intellectual aptitude, compassion toward humanity, leadership and moral integrity, Michael Lamb has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in America; and

WHEREAS, Michael Lamb's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize Michael Lamb, 2004 Rhodes Scholar-Elect of Rhodes College, for his impressive academic achievements, extending to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.